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The Honorable Joanna Seybert United States District Judge United States District Court Eastern District of New York 100 Federal Plaza Central Islip, NY 11722

Re:

Pearlman, Tell, Gallo, Koplik and Rabsey v. Cablevision Systems Corporation,

10-cv-4992 (JS) (AKT)

Dear Judge Seybert:

Plaintiffs in the referenced litigation filed a Motion yesterday requesting an "Order Appointing Interim Co-Lead Counsel." We write because we and our co-counsel and clients in three pending actions would be affected by the Order if signed, even though our cases are not before the Court. The Motion is plainly premature, and we respectfully request that the Court deny the Motion with leave to resubmit at an appropriate time.

The attached Service List names the six cases that have been pleaded against Cablevision Services Corporation and its affiliates, and identifies counsel for plaintiffs and defendants. All six cases arise from the same transactions and occurrences and all present common questions of law and fact. All involve claims for damages for customers of Cablevision who subscribed and paid for but did not receive Fox programming during October 2010.

Three of the cases, pleaded by this firm and the Law Office of Michael C. Rakower, P.C., were filed in Nassau County Supreme Court. All three were filed and served before the complaint in *Pearlman*. Defendants have appeared in these three cases (the only cases in which Defendants have appeared at this writing) and removed them to the Eastern District, where they have been assigned to Judge Feuerstein. A fourth, later-filed case also has been assigned to Judge Feuerstein. A fifth case was filed and is pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey before Anne E. Thompson, U.S.D.J. The sixth case is the *Pearlman* case before this Court. (Case names and numbers are set forth in the Service List.)

Moving counsel ask this Court to exercise authority over all six cases. The requested Order would make two of the three firms who pleaded the *Pearlman* complaint "Interim Co-Lead Counsel" with "authority to speak for all plaintiffs" and would prohibit other firms from making any "notice, request for discovery, or other pretrial or trial proceedings . . . ." The five other cases listed in the attached Service List, the named plaintiffs and plaintiffs' counsel are not

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identified in the motion, despite the fact that moving counsel seeks to have the Court issue an Order directed at these cases.

As moving counsel indicate, "various plaintiffs' counsel have been discussing a consensual procedure" regarding consolidation. These discussions also have addressed a structure to coordinate prosecution. Moving counsel apparently believe that being first to file a motion for appointment as lead counsel gives them an advantage towards such appointment, but they overlook that this Court cannot enter an order governing prosecution of cases pending in other courts.

Accordingly, we respectfully request the Court to deny the Motion *sua sponte* as premature, without prejudice to resubmission of the Motion after consolidation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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